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A divided country - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2012/10/15 19:08

i read a news article that talked about the many twitter posts being made by supporters of the president. There are those who are posting about rioting if Romney wins the election. Its sad and crazy to read these kinds of things, i do not think i have ever seen the country so divided as it is now? i am praying for our country, for people to wake up from their slumber and see that they need Jesus.

rdg

Re: A divided country - posted by Miccah (), on: 2012/10/15 23:29

Amen. Well said sister.

I am finding myself more and more wanting to remove myself from the happenings of this nation. We are witnessing more then ever before a falling away, even without considering the presidential race.

Blessings

Christiaan

Re: A divided country - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/10/15 23:35

QUOTE:

" I do not think i have ever seen the country so divided as it is now?"

I agree 100%.

So if people do not think they can win at the ballot box they will work to do so by intimidation, threatening to riot? How is that for liberty?

To me this entire election has a sinister sense about itself. Ever since I was a teen I used to enjoy following national elections, it was exciting. Not so today. It is totally different.

The tension I feel is a lot like it was back during the civil rights movement days. There was real fear and there was war in the cities. In the smaller towns there were boycotts against businesses, sit-ins at schools, marches on towns, you name it. Conflict, strife everywhere. Nothing godly about it.

Back then it was believed that communism was using blacks to stir up strife but they failed in over-throwing the gov then. In the meantime they have infiltrated the educational systems as well as the judicial systems and gov so it should be easy for them to do it before too long.

Only God can stop it. But will He?

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2012/10/16 7:35

i am just surprised about the amount of hate that seems to come from both sides. if you read anything on this election about the supporters of either candidate there is so much anger and hate. i really think prayer is the only answer at this point, its like we have gone to far down that road now and no matter who wins there is going to be troubles, we need prayer big time.

rdg

Re: , on: 2012/10/16 8:43

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Or go back to 1861! Talk about a divided nation.

There is nothing new under the sun, and Christians tend to be over dramatic about things like this because we are always thinking that the world is coming to an end tomorrow afternoon at 3pm.

Study your American history... there have always been riots and hate spewed forth from both sides of the political realm. Read some of the Lincoln debates! We don't even come close now-a-days. People tend to think that during WWII the nation was united. Most people don't remember this (because back then the media ignored it) but there were "peace" protests on college campuses. We act like that never happened before 1967, but it's always happened. The anti-war riots during the Civil War almost burned New York City to the ground! You didn't know that, did you? It's true!

The election will be over in 3 weeks. Things will calm down. Hopefully things will start to turn around... and life will go on.

Chill out.

Krispy

Re: A divided country - posted by iceman9, on: 2012/10/16 9:03

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Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2012/10/16 9:10

by KrispyKrittr on 2012/10/16 5:43:33

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I read your opinion on this topic but it still makes me sad this kind of anger and hatred that is being pushed. Your right hatred has been around for ever and there is nothing new under the sun but then again the avenue is different than it was in the past. The internet has played a huge part in the spreading and ever increasing speeds the idea of "riot" "revolt" and "hate" people post things in a flash without thinking and the seed is planted and before long those who are angry are nurturing that seed and even more hate blooms. It becomes a cycle that infects those who are not walking with the Lord and even more sadly some who are. That is some of the difference that I see.

I started this thread because I was hearing, reading, and seeing things that I have not seen before in my life time. These things are in fact new to me because I have not seen them before. People hating each other and spewing vile things at each other and not because of some grievous hurt that was done to them or terrible injustice, but because another person said "I intend to vote for the other candidate?" my response to this was to submit the need for prayer. I stand by that need now.

I do not know what is coming, I don't know if the country will turn around, continue on the path it's on now, or Jesus will return and make the whole thing a moot point but I do know as through out history there is always a need to pray!

Oh and one last thought, telling someone to "chill out" can be a bit condescending, you may now be thinking that I am being overly sensitive and that I should have somehow known you did not mean it to be taken that way. Perhaps there is truth in that but just the same maybe there is something in there for all of us to consider when it comes to choosing our words and the tongue being a sword?? After all this form of communication can be ripe for misunderstanding so why make the challenge that much harder by writing "chill out" when there is no way to know if you jest or not????

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Yea, you're definitely making a mountain out of molehill on that one, my sister. :-)

Unfortunately thats what we do here.

Luv ya!
Krispy

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2012/10/16 9:27

krispy i was just reading in 1 Corinthians about not being a stumbling block to one another. i ask you sincerely as a sister in Christ to a brother in Christ(no jokes here) if your words or my words that we choose causes anyone of us to stumble would it not be better to use different words?

perhaps i am being sensitive seeing so much hard hearts and hate out there has really been heavy on my heart. so for someone like me perhaps you could consider choosing your words differently so that i will not stumble?

thank you for considering
rdg

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2012/10/16 9:33

by iceman9 on 2012/10/16 6:03:39

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iceman this thread was not about whether to vote but rather the attitudes that seem to be prevailing not just the around the election(although perhaps its the lightning rod in it all) but from people in general. it has been so heavy on my heart seeing people be so mean to each other for nothing. i think the internet gives room to this attitude because people behave differently then they would in the real world but i have noticed over time a desensitizing almost takes place and those attitudes that were confined to the internet are now spilling over into real life for many especially among young people. it breaks my heart and all i can do is pray.

rdg

Re: , on: 2012/10/16 10:24

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If I thought saying "chill out" (which means "calm down") caused you to sin I would apologize to you in a heart beat because I would NEVER want to cause you to sin.

Instead, you got your feelings hurt. That was certainly not my intention, but if I had to apologize for everything I ever said that hurt someone's feelings or upset them... I would stop talking every single day after I say "good morning" to my wife.

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Krispy

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2012/10/16 12:19

by KrispyKrittr on 2012/10/16 7:24:31

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Re: , on: 2012/10/16 12:43

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My goodness... really? This is what this forum has turned into?

Krispy

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/10/16 13:07

Krispy wrote:

QUOTE:

"We are such narrow-minded (a nice way of saying ignorant) people. We want so badly to judge each other, and this for um... frankly... is a breeding ground for judgementalism. Most everyone who comes here considers themselves to be slightly more spiritual than the average Christian, and that's a bad place to start from. It can only go down hill from there. And from those ivory towers upon which we place ourselves we can only look down on everyone else."

"The majority of people here, altho' they will never admit it, think they are speaking the very oracles of God... and so they speak harshly and judgmentally to and about those who may not agree with their every whim. You don't agree with me? Well then you're not a Christian... or as spiritual... or as mature. I see that on a daily basis here."

Steve, is this not what you are doing on this thread?

Please...

Sandra

Re: , on: 2012/10/16 13:37

Nope.

Krispy

Re: - posted by lylewise, on: 2012/10/19 11:00

Krispy I believe you make a valid point(s). Here we are at another Quadrennial and though I have followed SI for a time span that covers only one election, I am almost certain that every 4 year about this time, this subject returns. The great dilemma for those born into the Kingdom that is Christ's and subject to His sole leadership. But what of the other kingdom? To what extent is our participation?

In each election inevitably and repeatedly one hears, "who is the lesser of two evils?" If I can only sift through that, I have found my candidate! What will happen dear Saint, when there is no distinction between Caesars? When the hot topics that separate and distinguish candidates see no separation? What minor issues will we be left with that will provide us the dissimilarities to legitimize our vote?

As I have let myself watch these repetitive volleys, my conscience has forewarned me what becomes of it. I do believe that the true believer will enter the arena, and must enter the arena, but I do not believe that this is the arena. I watched knowing the power of its draw, and once in, I had to ask myself, "was it for security, curiosity, or entertainment sake?" I did not like the answer and whether one or all three, I felt just as guilty.

What great patience the Lord bears on my behalf. SI is worldwide no doubt, how many elections will our dear brothers and sisters outside the U.S. drag us through? What precious time is wasted as I get drawn into areas where I don't belong. The testaments old and new, are filled with political world leaders brought into office according to God's will. Shall we examine the list of those whom He raised to accomplish His will.

If a citizen speaks by his vote, how in the Kingdom of true citizenship do I speak? I must remind myself daily.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/10/19 11:57

Saints,

We are really trying to minimize and ask that political posts and discussions do not happen on this forum website. We exhort everyone to pray for leadership in the country and to focus on the kingdom of God more than the kingdoms of this world.

also it would be helpful for some who have not read the community rules to do so: SermonIndex Community Guiding Principles: https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=44556&forum=13

thank you dear brothers and sisters.

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